









# Intermediate Districts Increasing Highly Qualified Special Education Teachers

#### Percentage Of Teachers Who Are Not Highly Qualified

Across Minnesota, 9.75% of teachers are working without standard licensure. In Intermediates, this figure is alarmingly higher. These teachers lack the necessary qualifications (Tier 3 & Tier 4) to be considered licensed teachers in special education.



STATEWIDE AVERAGE

9.75%

Not Highly Qualified \*Out-of-Field License/Tier 1 & Tier 2



**INTERMEDIATES AVERAGE** 

21%

Not Highly Qualified
\*Out-of-Field License/Tier 1 & Tier 2

### **Diversify The Workforce To Improve Outcomes**

Our goal is to create a more diverse special education workforce that reflects the diverse backgrounds of our students and enhances their learning experience.



**STATEWIDE** 

4.35%

Highly Qualified Teachers of Color

#### **Estimated Grant Funded Costs Per Apprentice**



Apprentice
Additional Salary/Benefits



Journeyworker Additional Salary/Benefits



Mentorship

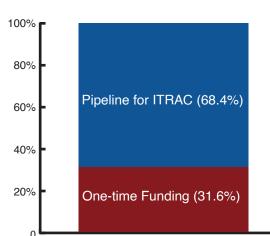


Sponsorship & Data Collection



Tuition & Educational Expenses

#### **Grant Funding Total: \$3,165,059**



## Initial Funding is a Start, But Not Enough

The Special Education Pipeline Grant and one-time funding for Intermediate Districts have provided a valuable start. However, to continue making progress and to fully address the challenges, additional funding is necessary.

#### **Grant Funded Cost Per Apprentice:** \$80,050 (2 Years Cohort)

\*This does not include District's portion of operating costs

Current grant funding will restrict the number of apprentices we can support, with the risk of funds running out before the originally intended five-year period concludes.

Cohorts	# of Apprentices	Total Cost
2024 Cohort 1	24	\$1,921,200
2025 Cohort 2	*15	\$1,243,859
2026 Cohort 3	0	No more funding to continue program

\*Limited participation due to funding